

Episode 756

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An interview with
Kenny Biddle

The Skeptic Magazine
in review

Skeptical Investigators
from 1988
with Ian Bryce

TROVE looks at
Ghosts



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00:00:13,920 --> 00:00:09,049
welcome to the skeptic Zone the podcast

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00:00:16,900 --> 00:00:13,930
from Australia for science and reason

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00:00:23,689 --> 00:00:16,910
[Applause]

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00:00:30,250 --> 00:00:25,490
yes it's the skeptic Zone podcast

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00:00:33,770 --> 00:00:30,260
episode number 756 for the 2nd of April

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00:00:36,770 --> 00:00:33,780
2023 Richardson is coming to you from a

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00:00:40,549 --> 00:00:36,780
soggy wet soggy raining and sogging

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00:00:42,950 --> 00:00:40,559
sogging Sydney Australia coming up on

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00:00:45,709 --> 00:00:42,960
this week's show I talked to Kenny

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00:00:48,950 --> 00:00:45,719
Biddle Kenny Biddle a man I've known for

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00:00:51,650 --> 00:00:48,960
years but have never met never met

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00:00:55,490 --> 00:00:51,660
Kenny is the chief investigator for the

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00:00:58,549 --> 00:00:55,500

committee for skeptical inquiry a c s i

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00:01:01,670 --> 00:00:58,559

fellow and host of the skeptical help

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00:01:05,149 --> 00:01:01,680

bar and skeptical helpbar is a program I

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00:01:07,730 --> 00:01:05,159

appeared on just the other day live uh

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00:01:09,950 --> 00:01:07,740

with Kenny it was a video show

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00:01:12,890 --> 00:01:09,960

and we took questions we had a great

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00:01:14,390 --> 00:01:12,900

time and I'll link to that interview in

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00:01:17,630 --> 00:01:14,400

this week's show notes

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00:01:19,310 --> 00:01:17,640

as the um as the rain Pours Down outside

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00:01:21,590 --> 00:01:19,320

the skeptic Zone Studio I hope the

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00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:21,600

skeptic Zone cats are okay

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00:01:26,450 --> 00:01:24,000

I think they're downstairs under a

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00:01:28,550 --> 00:01:26,460

cardboard box my interview with Kenny

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00:01:32,210 --> 00:01:28,560
Biddle coming up at the top of the show

27
00:01:35,630 --> 00:01:32,220
following that I take a peek into and I

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00:01:37,850 --> 00:01:35,640
have it right here here it is

29
00:01:39,530 --> 00:01:37,860
I take a peek into the latest issue of

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00:01:41,690 --> 00:01:39,540
the skeptic magazine the journal from

31
00:01:45,590 --> 00:01:41,700
Australian Skeptics a little overview

32
00:01:47,870 --> 00:01:45,600
for those who subscribe you'll know what

33
00:01:50,690 --> 00:01:47,880
to get when that magazine arrives in

34
00:01:54,469 --> 00:01:50,700
your letterbox or by now you should have

35
00:01:56,749 --> 00:01:54,479
it in your uh email inbox if you choose

36
00:01:59,389 --> 00:01:56,759
to get the digital version the latest

37
00:02:02,270 --> 00:01:59,399
issue the latest issue of the skeptic

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00:02:04,069 --> 00:02:02,280

magazine in review then we have a blast

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00:02:07,370 --> 00:02:04,079

from the past A real blast from the past

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00:02:09,350 --> 00:02:07,380

way back in 1988 we hear a talk by the

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00:02:11,570 --> 00:02:09,360

current challenge coordinator of

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00:02:13,550 --> 00:02:11,580

Australian Skeptics Ian Bryce about the

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00:02:16,010 --> 00:02:13,560

challenges the psychic challenges

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00:02:18,410 --> 00:02:16,020

presented to the Skeptics all those

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00:02:20,449 --> 00:02:18,420

years ago now this is an old recording I

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00:02:22,729 --> 00:02:20,459

found in the archives it was on a

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00:02:24,410 --> 00:02:22,739

cassette and I ran it through a digital

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00:02:26,809 --> 00:02:24,420

filter to remove the hiss and everything

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00:02:28,910 --> 00:02:26,819

so it cleans up pretty well

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00:02:32,510 --> 00:02:28,920

fascinating Peak into skeptical history

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00:02:34,790 --> 00:02:32,520
what were Skeptics investigating

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00:02:36,890 --> 00:02:34,800
paranormal sense in the Paranormal sense

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00:02:38,690 --> 00:02:36,900
in 1988

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00:02:40,490 --> 00:02:38,700
then to round off the show it's back to

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00:02:43,190 --> 00:02:40,500
the Trove archives where we look for

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00:02:45,770 --> 00:02:43,200
ghosts an oldie but a goodie ghosts in

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00:02:48,830 --> 00:02:45,780
hospitals I think this time around

58
00:02:52,309 --> 00:02:48,840
haunted Wards haunted nurses haunted

59
00:02:55,670 --> 00:02:52,319
doctors when we visit the Trove archives

60
00:02:58,550 --> 00:02:55,680
yes the rain's pouring down it stopped

61
00:03:00,229 --> 00:02:58,560
but I must say the well you know what

62
00:03:03,710 --> 00:03:00,239
happened today the clocks changed here

63
00:03:06,410 --> 00:03:03,720

in my part of the world so we went back

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00:03:10,309 --> 00:03:06,420

an hour and the nights are starting to

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00:03:13,850 --> 00:03:10,319

get colder cooler which means you don't

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00:03:16,850 --> 00:03:13,860

have to sleep with a fan on and uh

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00:03:20,809 --> 00:03:16,860

trying to keep cool you can snuggle up

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00:03:23,570 --> 00:03:20,819

under a uh a duvet or a Duna or a Decker

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00:03:27,830 --> 00:03:23,580

or whatever you have a nice blanket

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00:03:29,210 --> 00:03:27,840

maybe maybe where you are you have an

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00:03:31,729 --> 00:03:29,220

electric blanket

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00:03:33,290 --> 00:03:31,739

I have very happy fond memories of

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00:03:35,449 --> 00:03:33,300

electric blankets

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00:03:37,070 --> 00:03:35,459

whatever you're doing wherever you are

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00:03:38,449 --> 00:03:37,080

if you're in bed if you're getting out

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00:03:41,570 --> 00:03:38,459

of bed if you're going for a walk if

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00:03:43,910 --> 00:03:41,580

you're on the bus the Train the boat

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00:03:46,490 --> 00:03:43,920

anybody listening to this on a boat I

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00:03:48,890 --> 00:03:46,500

wonder Adrian Hill I think she's on a

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00:03:50,990 --> 00:03:48,900

boat I hope you enjoy the show it's time

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00:03:52,670 --> 00:03:51,000

for me to run downstairs and have a nice

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00:03:53,930 --> 00:03:52,680

hot cup of soup

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00:03:56,809 --> 00:03:53,940

chicken soup

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00:03:58,960 --> 00:03:56,819

chicken noodle soup while I do that I

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00:04:20,509 --> 00:03:58,970

hope you enjoy the skeptic Zone

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00:04:22,790 --> 00:04:20,519

[Music]

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00:04:25,850 --> 00:04:22,800

and joining me on the line right now

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00:04:27,770 --> 00:04:25,860

it's Henny Biddle Hello Kenny hello

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00:04:30,230 --> 00:04:27,780

Richard how are you today I'm very well

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00:04:32,390 --> 00:04:30,240

I'm very well because I just did a two

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00:04:35,450 --> 00:04:32,400

hour session on your show your video

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00:04:37,730 --> 00:04:35,460

show we did skeptical help bar what can

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00:04:40,129 --> 00:04:37,740

you tell our listeners about that that

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00:04:41,450 --> 00:04:40,139

is a live show that I do every Friday

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00:04:44,870 --> 00:04:41,460

night

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00:04:47,629 --> 00:04:44,880

um eastern time it's 8 to 10 p.m and

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00:04:50,150 --> 00:04:47,639

it's basically it there two versions

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00:04:53,570 --> 00:04:50,160

there's a uh a version where I have a

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00:04:55,610 --> 00:04:53,580

guest like tonight with you and we talk

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00:04:57,890 --> 00:04:55,620

we chat the first hour you and I chat

101
00:04:59,689 --> 00:04:57,900
and we get to know the guest we get to

102
00:05:01,790 --> 00:04:59,699
know what you do and what you're about

103
00:05:04,070 --> 00:05:01,800
and why you're on the show promoting

104
00:05:06,770 --> 00:05:04,080
usually science skepticism or something

105
00:05:08,450 --> 00:05:06,780
like that and then the second hour is

106
00:05:11,270 --> 00:05:08,460
all up to the viewers where they get to

107
00:05:13,370 --> 00:05:11,280
ask you questions themselves and we talk

108
00:05:15,110 --> 00:05:13,380
about different topics and then the

109
00:05:17,810 --> 00:05:15,120
other version of the show is when I

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00:05:19,370 --> 00:05:17,820
don't have a guest usually because I've

111
00:05:20,450 --> 00:05:19,380
totally forgotten to try to book

112
00:05:23,090 --> 00:05:20,460
somebody

113
00:05:25,490 --> 00:05:23,100

and I find myself Friday afternoon going

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00:05:27,590 --> 00:05:25,500

oh no

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00:05:30,170 --> 00:05:27,600

um and then that's called open mic night

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00:05:31,730 --> 00:05:30,180

uh because the whole thing is I mean if

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00:05:34,430 --> 00:05:31,740

you haven't gotten it the whole thing is

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00:05:37,670 --> 00:05:34,440

sit around like the local bar theme yeah

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00:05:40,189 --> 00:05:37,680

so we we we have a good time we just

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00:05:42,409 --> 00:05:40,199

like have a couple drinks and we talk

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00:05:45,230 --> 00:05:42,419

about different topics and just casual

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00:05:48,230 --> 00:05:45,240

conversation so during open mic night

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00:05:50,270 --> 00:05:48,240

it's just me and I open it up to the

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00:05:51,170 --> 00:05:50,280

audience and just say ask whatever you

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00:05:54,830 --> 00:05:51,180

want

126
00:05:56,870 --> 00:05:54,840
explain your question a little bit

127
00:05:58,249 --> 00:05:56,880
clearer and we'll look it up and

128
00:06:00,110 --> 00:05:58,259
sometimes I share the screen and we

129
00:06:02,090 --> 00:06:00,120
Google stuff together and we learn we

130
00:06:06,110 --> 00:06:02,100
learn to get this is all part of the CFI

131
00:06:09,590 --> 00:06:06,120
of course the the skeptical Inquirer yes

132
00:06:11,930 --> 00:06:09,600
yes yes uh I was doing the show before I

133
00:06:14,330 --> 00:06:11,940
was hired here full time and then I

134
00:06:17,749 --> 00:06:14,340
brought it to them and now yes now it's

135
00:06:22,189 --> 00:06:17,759
it's we broadcast live from Buffalo New

136
00:06:25,249 --> 00:06:22,199
York every every Friday how exciting

137
00:06:26,870 --> 00:06:25,259
now let's get into what you actually do

138
00:06:29,210 --> 00:06:26,880

and you haven't been in this new

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00:06:35,290 --> 00:06:29,220

position for very long so where exactly

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00:06:41,689 --> 00:06:39,290

I'm exactly in so I'm in Buffalo uh New

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00:06:44,029 --> 00:06:41,699

York but it's Amherst so the section is

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00:06:47,450 --> 00:06:44,039

called Amherst and it's it's right by

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00:06:49,189 --> 00:06:47,460

the Lakes the the oh my gosh I've only

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00:06:51,770 --> 00:06:49,199

been here since October

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00:06:54,469 --> 00:06:51,780

um and right now it's what the last day

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00:06:57,230 --> 00:06:54,479

of March well in your time it's it's the

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00:06:59,510 --> 00:06:57,240

first day of April but yeah

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00:07:01,189 --> 00:06:59,520

um so I've been up here for a couple

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00:07:04,550 --> 00:07:01,199

months I'm still getting used to the

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00:07:06,230 --> 00:07:04,560

area uh but what I do I am the chief

151
00:07:08,990 --> 00:07:06,240
investigator for the committee for

152
00:07:10,610 --> 00:07:09,000
skeptical inquire so that means all of

153
00:07:13,370 --> 00:07:10,620
the weird stuff that happens in the

154
00:07:16,430 --> 00:07:13,380
world whether it's ghosts hauntings

155
00:07:17,809 --> 00:07:16,440
cursed objects Bigfoot Loch Ness

156
00:07:21,110 --> 00:07:17,819
Monsters

157
00:07:24,890 --> 00:07:21,120
um UFOs whatever I get to investigate it

158
00:07:26,990 --> 00:07:24,900
and yes that is my full-time job and I I

159
00:07:30,650 --> 00:07:27,000
love saying it I can't stop smiling when

160
00:07:34,490 --> 00:07:30,660
I say it because this is my dream job

161
00:07:36,830 --> 00:07:34,500
um I get the research all day long I

162
00:07:41,990 --> 00:07:36,840
mean whether reading books or articles

163
00:07:44,689 --> 00:07:42,000

or diving through the the enormous

164

00:07:47,529 --> 00:07:44,699

reference materials that I got which is

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00:07:50,570 --> 00:07:47,539

called the Richard Saunders collection

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00:07:51,290 --> 00:07:50,580

that you sent me earlier

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00:07:53,570 --> 00:07:51,300

um

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00:07:55,309 --> 00:07:53,580

I get to go through and just I I solve

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00:07:57,950 --> 00:07:55,319

Mysteries that's basically what my job

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00:08:00,170 --> 00:07:57,960

is I solve Mysteries yeah yeah and I'm

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00:08:02,689 --> 00:08:00,180

your counterpart here in Australia and

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00:08:04,730 --> 00:08:02,699

as we were chatting about on the uh the

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00:08:07,550 --> 00:08:04,740

interview we just did how could you

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00:08:09,469 --> 00:08:07,560

possibly have a better job we get to

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00:08:11,089 --> 00:08:09,479

investigate the strange and the Spooky

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00:08:12,650 --> 00:08:11,099
and the Mysterious and monsters and all

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00:08:14,450 --> 00:08:12,660
that sort of stuff

178
00:08:17,210 --> 00:08:14,460
and and no

179
00:08:19,850 --> 00:08:17,220
and that but the the best part I guess

180
00:08:22,010 --> 00:08:19,860
because I I mean Mysteries are I grew up

181
00:08:23,869 --> 00:08:22,020
with Mysteries I loved it I I watched in

182
00:08:25,730 --> 00:08:23,879
search of and Unsolved Mysteries growing

183
00:08:29,749 --> 00:08:25,740
up these were the shows that I you know

184
00:08:32,750 --> 00:08:29,759
be before VCRs before DVRs before you

185
00:08:35,029 --> 00:08:32,760
know you everything was on demand 24 7.

186
00:08:37,010 --> 00:08:35,039
you had to be sitting in front of that

187
00:08:39,110 --> 00:08:37,020
television at a certain time on a

188
00:08:41,510 --> 00:08:39,120

certain day yeah and to watch those

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00:08:44,329 --> 00:08:41,520

programs and that that was my religion

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00:08:46,790 --> 00:08:44,339

back then I needed to watch I needed to

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00:08:50,150 --> 00:08:46,800

see Leonard Nimoy tell me about some

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00:08:52,850 --> 00:08:50,160

mystery yep so not only do I get to to

193

00:08:56,090 --> 00:08:52,860

investigate and for the most part solve

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00:09:00,410 --> 00:08:56,100

these Mysteries but the the added

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00:09:03,410 --> 00:09:00,420

benefit is that I get to teach how I do

196

00:09:05,630 --> 00:09:03,420

things and and teach critical thinking

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00:09:08,930 --> 00:09:05,640

skills and about science and skepticism

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00:09:10,130 --> 00:09:08,940

to the general public but not the

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00:09:11,630 --> 00:09:10,140

general public that's not even the best

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00:09:13,250 --> 00:09:11,640

part it's when I get to go into

201
00:09:16,370 --> 00:09:13,260
classrooms

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00:09:17,329 --> 00:09:16,380
uh either in person or via zoom and talk

203
00:09:20,870 --> 00:09:17,339
to kids

204
00:09:23,329 --> 00:09:20,880
and get their their minds excited about

205
00:09:25,790 --> 00:09:23,339
learning because you talk about ghosts

206
00:09:27,889 --> 00:09:25,800
and they're all like oh and then yeah

207
00:09:29,810 --> 00:09:27,899
well I can identify with that exactly

208
00:09:31,730 --> 00:09:29,820
because I've been doing the mystery

209
00:09:34,490 --> 00:09:31,740
investigators School show for uh 20

210
00:09:36,530 --> 00:09:34,500
years yes that's something I had that

211
00:09:38,449 --> 00:09:36,540
put on my list to talk about on on my

212
00:09:40,910 --> 00:09:38,459
show but I we I just didn't get to it

213
00:09:42,350 --> 00:09:40,920

but that that sounds amazing I I would

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00:09:44,389 --> 00:09:42,360

love this is exactly what you're talking

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00:09:47,030 --> 00:09:44,399

about you go to the class and you kick

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00:09:48,829 --> 00:09:47,040

off with monsters and ghosts and UFOs

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00:09:50,389 --> 00:09:48,839

and they're hooked

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00:09:54,470 --> 00:09:50,399

yeah

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00:09:57,110 --> 00:09:54,480

hand and then you explain the physics

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00:09:58,550 --> 00:09:57,120

behind fire walking and other things so

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00:10:00,889 --> 00:09:58,560

there you are you're in the heartland of

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00:10:02,449 --> 00:10:00,899

skeptical investigations now you asked

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00:10:05,690 --> 00:10:02,459

me during the interview what my

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00:10:07,190 --> 00:10:05,700

background was is is a similar story to

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00:10:08,269 --> 00:10:07,200

you I would imagine how you got into

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00:10:11,870 --> 00:10:08,279

this

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00:10:13,370 --> 00:10:11,880

yes I had like like I said I um I grew

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00:10:15,350 --> 00:10:13,380

up with those TV shows and they've

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00:10:18,230 --> 00:10:15,360

always I don't know why I'm fascinated

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00:10:20,329 --> 00:10:18,240

but I I did like I was so fascinated

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00:10:22,910 --> 00:10:20,339

with these stories that there might be

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00:10:25,610 --> 00:10:22,920

monsters I'm a big sci-fi geek I'm a

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00:10:29,210 --> 00:10:25,620

comic book nerd so all of these kind of

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00:10:31,430 --> 00:10:29,220

stories just that's what I was about and

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00:10:34,670 --> 00:10:31,440

to hear these monsters and ghost stories

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00:10:37,009 --> 00:10:34,680

and and even UFOs and aliens and all

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00:10:40,070 --> 00:10:37,019

kinds of magic powers was fascinating

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00:10:43,970 --> 00:10:40,080

and when I grew up and and I got married

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00:10:46,610 --> 00:10:43,980

when I got married in 97 1997 we got my

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00:10:49,370 --> 00:10:46,620

wife and I got married and we bought

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00:10:51,590 --> 00:10:49,380

ourselves a computer and back then it

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00:10:53,930 --> 00:10:51,600

was still pretty bad you know our first

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00:10:56,150 --> 00:10:53,940

computer I think the memory was like

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00:10:59,630 --> 00:10:56,160

four megabytes or something probably

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00:11:03,050 --> 00:10:59,640

right yeah and the sales guy told us you

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00:11:05,810 --> 00:11:03,060

will never run out of space on this and

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00:11:08,870 --> 00:11:05,820

because that that's within like two

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00:11:12,829 --> 00:11:08,880

months I was like I need more space I'm

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00:11:15,769 --> 00:11:12,839

but I started searching and realized

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00:11:17,810 --> 00:11:15,779

that there were ghost hunting groups in

251
00:11:19,730 --> 00:11:17,820
my area that I could actually join and

252
00:11:22,430 --> 00:11:19,740
it blew my mind like oh I can actually

253
00:11:25,250 --> 00:11:22,440
go out and look look for this stuff

254
00:11:28,430 --> 00:11:25,260
so I did that's what I did I went out

255
00:11:31,130 --> 00:11:28,440
and it's almost embarrassing to say but

256
00:11:34,310 --> 00:11:31,140
I was a ghost hunter for several years I

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00:11:35,990 --> 00:11:34,320
I went out and I had those beliefs and

258
00:11:37,610 --> 00:11:36,000
um I I thought you know these little

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00:11:40,610 --> 00:11:37,620
balls of light and photographs were

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00:11:43,069 --> 00:11:40,620
ghosts and you could record them on your

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00:11:44,630 --> 00:11:43,079
your audio recorders back then we used

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00:11:46,850 --> 00:11:44,640
uh cassettes

263
00:11:49,790 --> 00:11:46,860

um and now I went from cassettes to

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00:11:51,190 --> 00:11:49,800

micro cassettes to now digital uh so

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00:11:56,690 --> 00:11:51,200

yeah

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00:11:59,690 --> 00:11:56,700

I've got many DV tapes around here now I

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00:12:02,690 --> 00:11:59,700

can't do much yes but now it's uh more

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00:12:07,490 --> 00:12:02,700

uh digital I can I still have shoe boxes

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00:12:09,590 --> 00:12:07,500

of mini DVR mini DV tapes I have

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00:12:12,110 --> 00:12:09,600

um the the the bigger

271

00:12:13,910 --> 00:12:12,120

um I forget what they call not VHS tapes

272

00:12:17,269 --> 00:12:13,920

but they were at the mid video eight or

273

00:12:19,790 --> 00:12:17,279

something yeah I have all these tapes

274

00:12:21,710 --> 00:12:19,800

and I still have the equipment I keep

275

00:12:24,050 --> 00:12:21,720

all that women in case I want to watch

276

00:12:26,269 --> 00:12:24,060

it I never do because it's embarrassing

277

00:12:28,430 --> 00:12:26,279

that the the stuff that I've said well

278

00:12:30,650 --> 00:12:28,440

you should digitize it and put it onto a

279

00:12:34,690 --> 00:12:30,660

chip like I did yes and send it to you

280

00:12:37,250 --> 00:12:34,700

yeah you can have the Kenny Biddle files

281

00:12:38,930 --> 00:12:37,260

you've heard of The X-Files and the

282

00:12:40,850 --> 00:12:38,940

Saunders files now we've got the middle

283

00:12:43,150 --> 00:12:40,860

files yep

284

00:12:46,190 --> 00:12:43,160

laughs

285

00:12:48,769 --> 00:12:46,200

oh and uh by the way the session we just

286

00:12:52,550 --> 00:12:48,779

did can people see that

287

00:12:54,769 --> 00:12:52,560

yes uh it goes immediately to YouTube so

288

00:12:57,410 --> 00:12:54,779

if you go onto the YouTube channel

289

00:12:59,389 --> 00:12:57,420

um look for my name Kenny Biddle and it

290

00:13:01,610 --> 00:12:59,399

it'll come up you'll see the channel and

291

00:13:03,650 --> 00:13:01,620

go to the live videos and it's already

292

00:13:04,790 --> 00:13:03,660

there it's already saved there excellent

293

00:13:07,009 --> 00:13:04,800

well there'll be a link in this week's

294

00:13:10,490 --> 00:13:07,019

show notes but what we're saying is Well

295

00:13:14,150 --> 00:13:10,500

apart you know skepticism is not just a

296

00:13:17,030 --> 00:13:14,160

dry academic uh Pursuit we have so much

297

00:13:20,090 --> 00:13:17,040

fun it's outrageous fun and we get to do

298

00:13:23,269 --> 00:13:20,100

true investigation and Adventures

299

00:13:25,790 --> 00:13:23,279

yeah I we have so much fun we're not

300

00:13:27,829 --> 00:13:25,800

like you said we're not these boring

301
00:13:29,629 --> 00:13:27,839
academics that you might think of when

302
00:13:31,370 --> 00:13:29,639
you say oh a bunch of Skeptics get

303
00:13:34,310 --> 00:13:31,380
together and they just you know they

304
00:13:36,110 --> 00:13:34,320
just debunk everything and they're and

305
00:13:38,810 --> 00:13:36,120
Grumble they're they're they they

306
00:13:41,990 --> 00:13:38,820
they're Buzz kills but we're not we have

307
00:13:44,269 --> 00:13:42,000
so much fun and I mean just the last two

308
00:13:46,670 --> 00:13:44,279
hours that we've spent talking about and

309
00:13:49,730 --> 00:13:46,680
hearing stories and trading uh stories

310
00:13:53,030 --> 00:13:49,740
and experiences was fun I laughed a lot

311
00:13:55,730 --> 00:13:53,040
I enjoyed it yeah and uh even when I go

312
00:13:58,129 --> 00:13:55,740
to classrooms and talk to kids it's not

313
00:14:00,710 --> 00:13:58,139

a boring thing I never see anyone fall

314

00:14:03,470 --> 00:14:00,720

asleep yeah when I when I do my lectures

315

00:14:05,930 --> 00:14:03,480

no one is checking their phone which is

316

00:14:07,970 --> 00:14:05,940

like that's the sure sign of whether

317

00:14:09,829 --> 00:14:07,980

you're doing good or not that's a good

318

00:14:12,710 --> 00:14:09,839

sign we also learned the other trick

319

00:14:14,810 --> 00:14:12,720

about presenting to school children uh

320

00:14:16,449 --> 00:14:14,820

occasionally you throw candy they love

321

00:14:20,030 --> 00:14:16,459

that

322

00:14:22,250 --> 00:14:20,040

here

323

00:14:24,650 --> 00:14:22,260

yeah maybe not maybe not but we can

324

00:14:27,290 --> 00:14:24,660

still do it here Kenny if people want to

325

00:14:30,129 --> 00:14:27,300

find out more what's the best place they

326

00:14:32,629 --> 00:14:30,139

can head to uh you can go to

327

00:14:35,090 --> 00:14:32,639

skepticalenquirer.org and look up my

328

00:14:37,190 --> 00:14:35,100

name uh Kenny bitter all of my work

329

00:14:39,530 --> 00:14:37,200

there and my my articles that I do for

330

00:14:41,810 --> 00:14:39,540

skeptical Inquirer both online and in

331

00:14:43,850 --> 00:14:41,820

the print magazine are on there I also

332

00:14:46,790 --> 00:14:43,860

do a video series for them called ghosts

333

00:14:48,889 --> 00:14:46,800

in the machine and you do Tick Tock and

334

00:14:51,769 --> 00:14:48,899

I do a tick tock yes we do a tick tock

335

00:14:53,930 --> 00:14:51,779

I've I've been watching same thing you

336

00:14:56,750 --> 00:14:53,940

can look up my name Kenny Biddle and

337

00:14:59,449 --> 00:14:56,760

that is so much fun I mean people

338

00:15:03,069 --> 00:14:59,459

complain about Tick Tock but I have a

339

00:15:06,230 --> 00:15:03,079

lot of fun there are so many

340

00:15:08,329 --> 00:15:06,240

ridiculous videos on there yeah but

341

00:15:11,030 --> 00:15:08,339

really bad the fun part is trying to

342

00:15:15,470 --> 00:15:11,040

figure out how they do it and I mean

343

00:15:17,509 --> 00:15:15,480

some are so obviously bad too it is but

344

00:15:20,030 --> 00:15:17,519

some some are very clever and it takes

345

00:15:21,590 --> 00:15:20,040

me a little bit like for the people

346

00:15:23,870 --> 00:15:21,600

people that are listening can't see it

347

00:15:26,269 --> 00:15:23,880

but if you look behind me like on the

348

00:15:29,269 --> 00:15:26,279

Shelf there there's a teddy bear

349

00:15:32,389 --> 00:15:29,279

um and there was a video where this

350

00:15:35,569 --> 00:15:32,399

person said that portals these magic

351
00:15:38,449 --> 00:15:35,579
portals were opening up in his house and

352
00:15:41,389 --> 00:15:38,459
this teddy Bear got stuck halfway

353
00:15:43,550 --> 00:15:41,399
through a portal in his ceiling and it

354
00:15:45,069 --> 00:15:43,560
was just stuck it was half a bear

355
00:15:48,110 --> 00:15:45,079
but then

356
00:15:50,090 --> 00:15:48,120
later in the video it pops out there's a

357
00:15:51,829 --> 00:15:50,100
flash of light and it pops out and teddy

358
00:15:53,990 --> 00:15:51,839
bears all whole you know and there's

359
00:15:55,490 --> 00:15:54,000
nothing ripped and it it took me a

360
00:15:57,590 --> 00:15:55,500
little bit to figure out what they did

361
00:16:00,889 --> 00:15:57,600
there was no special effects

362
00:16:03,470 --> 00:16:00,899
and basically all they did was they they

363
00:16:05,750 --> 00:16:03,480

sh it's because it's a stuffed um it's a

364

00:16:08,689 --> 00:16:05,760

plush toy it's a plush bear you know and

365

00:16:12,110 --> 00:16:08,699

they just jammed the legs up into the

366

00:16:15,170 --> 00:16:12,120

body and squished it and then taped it

367

00:16:16,970 --> 00:16:15,180

up to the ceiling and that's what I did

368

00:16:20,329 --> 00:16:16,980

you heard of a boo bear

369

00:16:22,430 --> 00:16:20,339

a boot yes yes yeah this is the bed with

370

00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:22,440

a camera inside to catch Paranormal

371

00:16:27,110 --> 00:16:25,440

Activity oh my goodness that's spooky in

372

00:16:30,370 --> 00:16:27,120

itself isn't it that's pretty yeah

373

00:16:34,550 --> 00:16:30,380

because they also talk

374

00:16:36,230 --> 00:16:34,560

yeah they they say random phrases and

375

00:16:38,749 --> 00:16:36,240

that's a big problem like I've had Ghost

376

00:16:40,910 --> 00:16:38,759

Hunter send me clips video clips saying

377

00:16:43,310 --> 00:16:40,920

what's going on we hear a voice

378

00:16:45,769 --> 00:16:43,320

and I hear the voice and it's it's a

379

00:16:47,870 --> 00:16:45,779

distinct voice so as soon as I hear it I

380

00:16:50,090 --> 00:16:47,880

say well do you have one of those boo

381

00:16:53,150 --> 00:16:50,100

bear things well yeah but it was in the

382

00:16:55,430 --> 00:16:53,160

other room yeah it was on wasn't it yes

383

00:16:57,230 --> 00:16:55,440

well that's what you're that's what

384

00:16:59,329 --> 00:16:57,240

you're recording

385

00:17:02,329 --> 00:16:59,339

so yeah you got to be careful of those

386

00:17:04,730 --> 00:17:02,339

things again folks uh people like Kenny

387

00:17:06,230 --> 00:17:04,740

and myself have more fun it's uh you

388

00:17:07,789 --> 00:17:06,240

know that expression it's more fun than

389

00:17:11,689 --> 00:17:07,799

a barrel of monkeys

390

00:17:14,510 --> 00:17:11,699

it is it is every day I am happy every

391

00:17:16,669 --> 00:17:14,520

day of my life right now so that that's

392

00:17:18,169 --> 00:17:16,679

wonderful thank you Kenny thank you for

393

00:17:19,669 --> 00:17:18,179

spending the last two hours with me

394

00:17:21,530 --> 00:17:19,679

again folks I'll put a link to that

395

00:17:24,049 --> 00:17:21,540

video in this week's show notes and I

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00:17:30,409 --> 00:17:24,059

had a great time because I pulled a

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00:17:39,370 --> 00:17:34,060

thanks Kenny awesome thank you

398

00:17:39,380 --> 00:17:43,250

thank you

399

00:17:47,690 --> 00:17:45,409

Richard how do I get better at telling

400

00:17:49,549 --> 00:17:47,700

if people are lying it's really simple

401
00:17:50,630 --> 00:17:49,559
what you need to do it's real well

402
00:17:52,370 --> 00:17:50,640
actually funny you should ask that

403
00:17:54,169 --> 00:17:52,380
because well I just want to improve my

404
00:17:56,390 --> 00:17:54,179
memory I've got this great trip can you

405
00:17:57,710 --> 00:17:56,400
make me happier okay look for answers to

406
00:17:59,570 --> 00:17:57,720
a thousand questions about the

407
00:18:01,730 --> 00:17:59,580
Incredible World of human behavior and

408
00:18:03,710 --> 00:18:01,740
the psychology of everyday life join me

409
00:18:05,750 --> 00:18:03,720
psychologist Richard Wiseman and me

410
00:18:07,970 --> 00:18:05,760
science journalist Marnie chasterton on

411
00:18:10,310 --> 00:18:07,980
Richard wiseman's on your mind new

412
00:18:13,920 --> 00:18:10,320
podcast from podomo and Telltale can I

413
00:18:29,090 --> 00:18:13,930

win the lottery probably not

414

00:18:33,710 --> 00:18:31,850

no of course every now and then on the

415

00:18:36,650 --> 00:18:33,720

skeptic Zone podcast we hear the book of

416

00:18:38,510 --> 00:18:36,660

Tim with Tim Mendham in fact I'm going

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00:18:40,190 --> 00:18:38,520

to be visiting Tim or he's going to be

418

00:18:41,510 --> 00:18:40,200

visiting the studios before long to

419

00:18:44,750 --> 00:18:41,520

record more

420

00:18:47,210 --> 00:18:44,760

book of Tim or is it books of Tim or as

421

00:18:49,730 --> 00:18:47,220

a book of Tim's something like that

422

00:18:51,590 --> 00:18:49,740

where Tim Mendham Dives back through the

423

00:18:54,289 --> 00:18:51,600

back issues of the skeptic magazine the

424

00:18:58,130 --> 00:18:54,299

journal from Australian Skeptics now

425

00:19:00,710 --> 00:18:58,140

it's up to volume 43 number one which

426
00:19:01,549 --> 00:19:00,720
means it's been going for 43 years more

427
00:19:04,070 --> 00:19:01,559
or less

428
00:19:07,070 --> 00:19:04,080
and I thought I would give a quick

429
00:19:09,529 --> 00:19:07,080
overview to you of the latest issue

430
00:19:11,270 --> 00:19:09,539
because it is really one of the Premier

431
00:19:13,250 --> 00:19:11,280
skeptical magazines in the world

432
00:19:15,350 --> 00:19:13,260
certainly one of the oldest

433
00:19:17,930 --> 00:19:15,360
and here it is

434
00:19:20,990 --> 00:19:17,940
right in front of me the skeptic

435
00:19:24,590 --> 00:19:21,000
and the uh cover has a

436
00:19:27,350 --> 00:19:24,600
denim jacket with various skeptical pins

437
00:19:29,930 --> 00:19:27,360
one says I love Skeptics I wonder where

438
00:19:32,870 --> 00:19:29,940

that was from one is from Tam Australia

439

00:19:35,150 --> 00:19:32,880

all the way back there in 2010 I see the

440

00:19:37,490 --> 00:19:35,160

Bay Area Skeptics logo Australian

441

00:19:40,130 --> 00:19:37,500

Skeptics logo and another pin in the

442

00:19:42,169 --> 00:19:40,140

shape of a heart I'm a skeptic you know

443

00:19:44,390 --> 00:19:42,179

where out there hmm

444

00:19:46,490 --> 00:19:44,400

and the headlines are staying relevant

445

00:19:49,090 --> 00:19:46,500

what Skeptics need to do

446

00:19:51,350 --> 00:19:49,100

and also in the issue psychic tricks

447

00:19:54,350 --> 00:19:51,360

skepticon which is coming up in

448

00:19:56,750 --> 00:19:54,360

Melbourne later this year exorcism and

449

00:19:59,270 --> 00:19:56,760

Yuri gella on TV

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00:20:01,370 --> 00:19:59,280

let's have a quick look through and see

451
00:20:04,070 --> 00:20:01,380
what we can see in the magazine well the

452
00:20:05,810 --> 00:20:04,080
skepticism on the back cover

453
00:20:08,210 --> 00:20:05,820
there's a

454
00:20:10,130 --> 00:20:08,220
a promotion for skepticism the Australian

455
00:20:12,470 --> 00:20:10,140
Skeptics National Convention and this

456
00:20:15,710 --> 00:20:12,480
will be in December December two to

457
00:20:17,810 --> 00:20:15,720
three this year at the brain Center

458
00:20:18,830 --> 00:20:17,820
University of Melbourne appropriate

459
00:20:20,930 --> 00:20:18,840
really

460
00:20:22,610 --> 00:20:20,940
and I'm sure we'll be hearing about uh

461
00:20:25,190 --> 00:20:22,620
lots more about that during the course

462
00:20:30,529 --> 00:20:27,409
but opening up the magazine let's have a

463
00:20:32,150 --> 00:20:30,539

look let's have a look an editorial by

464

00:20:34,430 --> 00:20:32,160

Tim Mendham called preaching and

465

00:20:36,830 --> 00:20:34,440

teaching and then we have around the

466

00:20:38,870 --> 00:20:36,840

Trap sort of a Roundup of a skeptical

467

00:20:41,029 --> 00:20:38,880

news there's an item about Ivermectin

468

00:20:43,310 --> 00:20:41,039

still making the news

469

00:20:45,650 --> 00:20:43,320

another story about a Northern Territory

470

00:20:49,270 --> 00:20:45,660

Court rejecting a sovereign citizen

471

00:20:52,390 --> 00:20:49,280

anti-vaxx appeal the story about the

472

00:20:55,730 --> 00:20:52,400

conspiracy about covid-19 being

473

00:20:59,770 --> 00:20:55,740

leaked from a lab what's this Mexican

474

00:21:02,870 --> 00:20:59,780

president posts photo of an elf

475

00:21:05,930 --> 00:21:02,880

Pete Evans Spooks expensive fasting

476
00:21:08,930 --> 00:21:05,940
Retreat Pete Evans still in the news hmm

477
00:21:11,029 --> 00:21:08,940
pay a lot of money to eat very little

478
00:21:15,049 --> 00:21:11,039
when we have little tributes here to the

479
00:21:17,690 --> 00:21:15,059
late Harriet Hall and Richard buchon

480
00:21:20,630 --> 00:21:17,700
from uh Queensland the Queensland

481
00:21:25,909 --> 00:21:22,909
another story about Meryl Dory still in

482
00:21:28,130 --> 00:21:25,919
the news it says here Meryl Dory Beyond

483
00:21:30,770 --> 00:21:28,140
again off again president of the

484
00:21:34,070 --> 00:21:30,780
anti-vaccination group Australian

485
00:21:35,270 --> 00:21:34,080
vaccination risk Network or is it risks

486
00:21:37,669 --> 00:21:35,280
one of them

487
00:21:39,710 --> 00:21:37,679
has made a bizarre online complaint

488
00:21:42,110 --> 00:21:39,720

about having to wear a mask in hospital

489

00:21:44,570 --> 00:21:42,120

oh dear poor thing

490

00:21:46,310 --> 00:21:44,580

story about New Zealand cyclone and

491

00:21:47,990 --> 00:21:46,320

earthquakes not being engineered

492

00:21:51,789 --> 00:21:48,000

disasters well

493

00:21:55,010 --> 00:21:51,799

I certainly hope not uaps get to mention

494

00:21:57,830 --> 00:21:55,020

uh abandoned worst Peddler of

495

00:21:59,270 --> 00:21:57,840

misinformation Russia claims psychic

496

00:22:01,730 --> 00:21:59,280

attacks

497

00:22:04,010 --> 00:22:01,740

it's a bit out of date isn't it I mean

498

00:22:06,230 --> 00:22:04,020

weren't they conducting psychic Warfare

499

00:22:07,490 --> 00:22:06,240

way back in the 1970s or something like

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00:22:09,710 --> 00:22:07,500

that

501
00:22:12,890 --> 00:22:09,720
and a few other stories the rest of the

502
00:22:14,750 --> 00:22:12,900
magazine is devoted to a review of the

503
00:22:17,210 --> 00:22:14,760
last convention the last Australian

504
00:22:19,250 --> 00:22:17,220
Skeptics convention with an lineup of

505
00:22:21,890 --> 00:22:19,260
the speakers oh my goodness me there's a

506
00:22:23,630 --> 00:22:21,900
photograph of Brian Dunning oh well it

507
00:22:26,330 --> 00:22:23,640
takes all kinds I suppose I don't know

508
00:22:28,130 --> 00:22:26,340
oh there's the ESP podcast too they're a

509
00:22:31,850 --> 00:22:28,140
fine group of people

510
00:22:33,649 --> 00:22:31,860
and yes every story every uh talk from

511
00:22:35,270 --> 00:22:33,659
the convention that gets a little uh

512
00:22:38,149 --> 00:22:35,280
little review

513
00:22:39,890 --> 00:22:38,159

a section called readers indigestible

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00:22:42,830 --> 00:22:39,900

looks at some new age magazines

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00:22:45,529 --> 00:22:42,840

including New Dawn 14 times and the

516

00:22:47,630 --> 00:22:45,539

history of astrology a feature by Claire

517

00:22:50,270 --> 00:22:47,640

klingsberg about the way to go the way

518

00:22:52,490 --> 00:22:50,280

ahead for skepticism

519

00:22:54,409 --> 00:22:52,500

then we have a feature from Tim minimum

520

00:22:58,430 --> 00:22:54,419

about the search for relevance

521

00:23:05,029 --> 00:23:01,610

A continuing feature on exorcism in

522

00:23:07,669 --> 00:23:05,039

Australia bizarre but true a skeptical

523

00:23:10,370 --> 00:23:07,679

crossword and then what's this we have a

524

00:23:12,169 --> 00:23:10,380

large feature here by Susan gerbig

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00:23:14,169 --> 00:23:12,179

Susan gubick explains how much

526
00:23:17,710 --> 00:23:14,179
information there is about you online

527
00:23:21,350 --> 00:23:17,720
and how psychics can access it

528
00:23:24,529 --> 00:23:21,360
psychic could have known it says

529
00:23:28,029 --> 00:23:24,539
and it's a very interesting and really

530
00:23:30,529 --> 00:23:28,039
worth reading about how these people

531
00:23:33,830 --> 00:23:30,539
troll the Internet troll your social

532
00:23:35,870 --> 00:23:33,840
media looking for Clues and photographs

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00:23:38,390 --> 00:23:35,880
and documents and so on

534
00:23:40,730 --> 00:23:38,400
and then feed those back to you as if

535
00:23:42,649 --> 00:23:40,740
they're getting mystical insights very

536
00:23:45,409 --> 00:23:42,659
good research there by Susan gerbeck

537
00:23:47,029 --> 00:23:45,419
it's a lengthy feature and certainly one

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00:23:49,250 --> 00:23:47,039

worth reading

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then we have a story about the time Yuri

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00:23:56,210 --> 00:23:52,799

Gala was on TV here in Australia in 1987

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00:24:00,409 --> 00:23:56,220

so a good decade after his uh initial

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00:24:02,810 --> 00:24:00,419

first uh Fame and his confrontation with

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00:24:05,330 --> 00:24:02,820

the magician Ben Harris and Ben Harris

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00:24:06,710 --> 00:24:05,340

actually wrote a book with the or for

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the Australian Skeptics were published

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by the Australian Skeptics called

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00:24:13,549 --> 00:24:11,039

gallerism revealed which is like a magic

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00:24:16,130 --> 00:24:13,559

manual on how to bend keys and spoons

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00:24:18,070 --> 00:24:16,140

the Geller method hmm

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foreign

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00:24:23,029 --> 00:24:21,059
we have more articles and features so

552
00:24:24,529 --> 00:24:23,039
the skeptic magazine the journal from

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00:24:30,169 --> 00:24:24,539
Australian Skeptics

554
00:24:33,250 --> 00:24:30,179
again now in its uh 43rd year 42nd year

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00:24:36,110 --> 00:24:33,260
it first published in 1981

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00:24:39,110 --> 00:24:36,120
1981. now all the back issues bar the

557
00:24:40,210 --> 00:24:39,120
last four are available free to download

558
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at

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00:24:51,289 --> 00:24:44,940
do

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00:24:54,590 --> 00:24:51,299
issues as they become available and I

561
00:24:57,409 --> 00:24:54,600
put them into my iPad books app

562
00:25:00,350 --> 00:24:57,419
so I have all the back issues of the

563
00:25:03,890 --> 00:25:00,360

magazine with me at my fingertips for

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00:25:06,289 --> 00:25:03,900

review or research or or just reading

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00:25:08,090 --> 00:25:06,299

the thousands of Articles the skeptic

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the journal from Australian Skeptics you

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00:25:11,289 --> 00:25:10,020

can subscribe

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00:25:14,270 --> 00:25:11,299

at

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00:25:17,270 --> 00:25:14,280

skeptics.com.edu have the recent every

570

00:25:22,549 --> 00:25:17,280

new edition sent to you via email as a

571

00:25:25,610 --> 00:25:22,559

PDF and or or and you can have the

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00:25:26,960 --> 00:25:25,620

physical copy as well which is a fine

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00:25:30,350 --> 00:25:26,970

pink magazine

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[Music]

575

00:25:44,230 --> 00:25:31,640

foreign

576
00:25:48,710 --> 00:25:47,149
yes my name is Carrie Poppy I co-host a

577
00:25:50,630 --> 00:25:48,720
podcast called owner Ross and Carrie

578
00:25:53,149 --> 00:25:50,640
this is my co-host Ross right here okay

579
00:25:55,549 --> 00:25:53,159
we investigate spirituality claims of

580
00:25:58,430 --> 00:25:55,559
the Paranormal and we were wondering if

581
00:26:00,950 --> 00:25:58,440
we could get on the r you did come two

582
00:26:02,210 --> 00:26:00,960
by two I appreciate that though most of

583
00:26:04,789 --> 00:26:02,220
the things I'm letting on the ark don't

584
00:26:07,789 --> 00:26:04,799
talk I'm gonna be talking all up on this

585
00:26:11,029 --> 00:26:07,799
boat do you mind both I prefer Arc I'm

586
00:26:13,610 --> 00:26:11,039
not listening but if you let me on then

587
00:26:15,830 --> 00:26:13,620
I will make my really good podcast on

588
00:26:18,110 --> 00:26:15,840

your boat can you at least help clean up

589

00:26:19,789 --> 00:26:18,120

all the poop I guess I don't see why not

590

00:26:26,630 --> 00:26:19,799

well check out the podcast where do I

591

00:26:26,640 --> 00:26:29,690

foreign

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00:26:33,830 --> 00:26:31,730

Skeptics around the world have been

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00:26:37,010 --> 00:26:33,840

investigating Mysteries and paranormal

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00:26:39,830 --> 00:26:37,020

claims for well I guess it must be

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00:26:41,690 --> 00:26:39,840

approaching something like 60 years I

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00:26:45,529 --> 00:26:41,700

thought we would take a trip back to the

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00:26:47,930 --> 00:26:45,539

year 1988 and hear a presentation by Ian

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00:26:50,870 --> 00:26:47,940

Bryce who's currently still currently

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00:26:54,529 --> 00:26:50,880

the um the challenge coordinator here in

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00:26:57,230 --> 00:26:54,539

Australia for the 100 000 prize way back

601
00:27:01,310 --> 00:26:57,240
then something like 35 years ago roughly

602
00:27:04,430 --> 00:27:01,320
Ian Bryce spoke to the crowd about some

603
00:27:06,409 --> 00:27:04,440
of the challenges that have come the way

604
00:27:09,909 --> 00:27:06,419
or came the way of Australian Skeptics

605
00:27:13,669 --> 00:27:09,919
when people were inquiring or trying to

606
00:27:17,450 --> 00:27:13,679
win the cash prize on offer all the way

607
00:27:20,390 --> 00:27:17,460
back then in 1988 and this is from an

608
00:27:23,149 --> 00:27:20,400
old archive I dug up an old cassette

609
00:27:24,950 --> 00:27:23,159
recording and I've done my best to scrub

610
00:27:26,510 --> 00:27:24,960
it up cleaned it up digitally it's a

611
00:27:28,909 --> 00:27:26,520
little bit hit and miss here and there

612
00:27:31,370 --> 00:27:28,919
but I think it's clear enough but it's

613
00:27:35,210 --> 00:27:31,380

an insight into our history into

614

00:27:37,970 --> 00:27:35,220

skeptical history in 1988 this is the

615

00:27:40,070 --> 00:27:37,980

sort of thing uh when it came to

616

00:27:43,070 --> 00:27:40,080

Paranormal challenges Australian

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00:27:44,400 --> 00:27:43,080

Skeptics were dealing with take it away

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00:27:51,250 --> 00:27:44,410

1988.

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00:27:55,730 --> 00:27:53,870

uh without any further Ado we will go

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00:27:58,970 --> 00:27:55,740

into the sessions

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00:28:00,890 --> 00:27:58,980

and our first Speaker there's

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00:28:02,510 --> 00:28:00,900

um Ian Bryce

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00:28:04,549 --> 00:28:02,520

who will tell us something about the

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00:28:07,310 --> 00:28:04,559

challenges we've received from psychics

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00:28:09,110 --> 00:28:07,320

the official challenges uh in which they

626
00:28:10,610 --> 00:28:09,120
seek to get our twenty thousand dollars

627
00:28:12,649 --> 00:28:10,620
thank you very much

628
00:28:14,510 --> 00:28:12,659
but thanks very much Barry

629
00:28:16,130 --> 00:28:14,520
but firstly perhaps I can give you a

630
00:28:19,070 --> 00:28:16,140
little admon on the background of the

631
00:28:22,250 --> 00:28:19,080
challenge as you probably all remember

632
00:28:25,250 --> 00:28:22,260
Dick Smith and James Randy got together

633
00:28:27,470 --> 00:28:25,260
back in 1981 and set up a water divining

634
00:28:30,529 --> 00:28:27,480
test involving an allotment of ground

635
00:28:32,810 --> 00:28:30,539
with pipes buried in in the ground and

636
00:28:35,029 --> 00:28:32,820
what it would be switched between them

637
00:28:37,490 --> 00:28:35,039
those tests were very well organized and

638
00:28:39,049 --> 00:28:37,500

well publicized in the media as you know

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00:28:41,330 --> 00:28:39,059

those tests were not successful

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00:28:43,789 --> 00:28:41,340

following that publicity the Australian

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00:28:45,470 --> 00:28:43,799

Skeptics was created and the number of

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00:28:47,750 --> 00:28:45,480

interested people in Australia got

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00:28:50,750 --> 00:28:47,760

together and as you know they regularly

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00:28:54,409 --> 00:28:50,760

Harvest magazine and researched a number

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00:28:55,730 --> 00:28:54,419

of psychic claims that actively

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00:28:58,250 --> 00:28:55,740

investigated

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00:29:00,350 --> 00:28:58,260

many of the claims which appeared in the

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00:29:02,090 --> 00:29:00,360

media and which they heard of and some

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00:29:06,169 --> 00:29:02,100

of those carried through to the testing

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00:29:08,090 --> 00:29:06,179

stage and then around 1984 we decided to

651
00:29:11,330 --> 00:29:08,100
issue a formal

652
00:29:13,370 --> 00:29:11,340
challenge to psychics because the stream

653
00:29:15,110 --> 00:29:13,380
of Psychics which were which were coming

654
00:29:17,630 --> 00:29:15,120
to our attention was beginning to reduce

655
00:29:21,110 --> 00:29:17,640
a little and we decided that this would

656
00:29:23,389 --> 00:29:21,120
be a printed set of rules by which it

657
00:29:25,549 --> 00:29:23,399
has to be done and this would have the

658
00:29:28,669 --> 00:29:25,559
advantage that would be easily

659
00:29:29,870 --> 00:29:28,679
distributed it would be widely reported

660
00:29:32,450 --> 00:29:29,880
in the media

661
00:29:33,830 --> 00:29:32,460
which has been very successful

662
00:29:36,169 --> 00:29:33,840
there was a large amount of money

663
00:29:37,909 --> 00:29:36,179

involved because like a hundred thousand

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00:29:39,649 --> 00:29:37,919

dollars for sure to attract a lot of

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00:29:41,870 --> 00:29:39,659

interest

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00:29:44,510 --> 00:29:41,880

and it had some meat in it now that was

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00:29:45,950 --> 00:29:44,520

legally enforceable how patrons made a

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00:29:47,210 --> 00:29:45,960

statement saying that the money was in

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00:29:49,549 --> 00:29:47,220

fact available

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00:29:51,590 --> 00:29:49,559

to anyone who would reliably demonstrate

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00:29:55,070 --> 00:29:51,600

the psych event and furthermore it

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00:29:58,070 --> 00:29:55,080

enabled us in our presentation to State

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00:30:00,590 --> 00:29:58,080

categorically but despised a very large

674

00:30:02,510 --> 00:30:00,600

amount of reward money available the

675

00:30:03,409 --> 00:30:02,520

worldwide figures around half a million

676
00:30:05,810 --> 00:30:03,419
dollars

677
00:30:08,570 --> 00:30:05,820
no psychic had ever been able to come up

678
00:30:10,250 --> 00:30:08,580
with a single psychic event demonstrated

679
00:30:11,750 --> 00:30:10,260
reliably

680
00:30:14,269 --> 00:30:11,760
so that throws some of the

681
00:30:15,889 --> 00:30:14,279
responsibility onto the cities and not

682
00:30:19,190 --> 00:30:15,899
just on because the Skeptics who

683
00:30:21,470 --> 00:30:19,200
investigate them as they can this can be

684
00:30:24,289 --> 00:30:21,480
regarded as a more active approach so

685
00:30:27,169 --> 00:30:24,299
how does our challenge work the method

686
00:30:29,690 --> 00:30:27,179
has been based partly on a methods used

687
00:30:32,389 --> 00:30:29,700
by James Randy and these methods have

688
00:30:35,269 --> 00:30:32,399

been modified by our own experience in

689

00:30:37,549 --> 00:30:35,279

Australia in carrying out our own tests

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00:30:39,250 --> 00:30:37,559

I think aim of course the aim is to

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00:30:42,169 --> 00:30:39,260

carry out the test in a systematic

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00:30:44,029 --> 00:30:42,179

controlled and reliable manner in other

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00:30:45,590 --> 00:30:44,039

words you carry out the test in a way

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00:30:48,950 --> 00:30:45,600

that will enable you to have confidence

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00:30:50,630 --> 00:30:48,960

in the results that's the so Elaine will

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00:30:52,610 --> 00:30:50,640

be criticized to the rules being too

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00:30:54,769 --> 00:30:52,620

harsh but their soul purpose is simply

698

00:30:56,690 --> 00:30:54,779

to make the results reliable and we can

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00:30:58,430 --> 00:30:56,700

have confidence in them fix it away they

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00:31:01,070 --> 00:30:58,440

work out there are a number of

701
00:31:03,529 --> 00:31:01,080
conditions set out on the piece of paper

702
00:31:05,690 --> 00:31:03,539
which ensure most of you have seen I'll

703
00:31:07,730 --> 00:31:05,700
just summarize them here firstly the

704
00:31:10,130 --> 00:31:07,740
claimant should submit his or her claim

705
00:31:11,810 --> 00:31:10,140
in writing to the Australian Skeptics

706
00:31:14,210 --> 00:31:11,820
you'll be surprised at the number that

707
00:31:15,830 --> 00:31:14,220
they were run up saying verbally that

708
00:31:17,210 --> 00:31:15,840
they did this and left Bain and can make

709
00:31:19,850 --> 00:31:17,220
peace have the money

710
00:31:21,769 --> 00:31:19,860
there have been some like that so rather

711
00:31:23,389 --> 00:31:21,779
we would like them to write it down in

712
00:31:25,970 --> 00:31:23,399
the proper letter stating dates times

713
00:31:27,889 --> 00:31:25,980

and bases and so book there are a few

714

00:31:30,590 --> 00:31:27,899

massive Logistics say just to streamline

715

00:31:32,450 --> 00:31:30,600

the procedures one is that they we asked

716

00:31:34,730 --> 00:31:32,460

they would get a reliable person such as

717

00:31:36,289 --> 00:31:34,740

a teacher police officer perhaps other

718

00:31:39,010 --> 00:31:36,299

Queensland one

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00:31:42,049 --> 00:31:39,020

for public servant or so on to witness

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00:31:43,909 --> 00:31:42,059

the abyss is not legally binding in any

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00:31:45,350 --> 00:31:43,919

way it just helps to sort out those who

722

00:31:48,590 --> 00:31:45,360

have just invented something in their

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00:31:50,389 --> 00:31:48,600

mind to try and uh get around it

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00:31:52,250 --> 00:31:50,399

now the protocol or the method of

725

00:31:53,570 --> 00:31:52,260

carrying out the test and analyzing the

726
00:31:55,490 --> 00:31:53,580
results

727
00:31:57,649 --> 00:31:55,500
will be the result of discussion between

728
00:31:59,870 --> 00:31:57,659
us and the people faming it

729
00:32:01,909 --> 00:31:59,880
and we must agree on a protocol before

730
00:32:04,970 --> 00:32:01,919
we can proceed further as you will

731
00:32:07,250 --> 00:32:04,980
appreciate it's entirely meaningless to

732
00:32:08,930 --> 00:32:07,260
carry out some tests and you're not sure

733
00:32:10,190 --> 00:32:08,940
how long they're going to take and when

734
00:32:12,529 --> 00:32:10,200
they're going to end and the end of the

735
00:32:14,630 --> 00:32:12,539
tests you've got a success rate that's a

736
00:32:16,610 --> 00:32:14,640
60 out of 100 or something debt so

737
00:32:18,049 --> 00:32:16,620
therefore the thresholds on which it is

738
00:32:21,669 --> 00:32:18,059

judged must be agreed by everyone

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00:32:26,630 --> 00:32:24,590

organization so therefore the costs must

740

00:32:28,850 --> 00:32:26,640

of course Deeper by the payment although

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00:32:30,409 --> 00:32:28,860

in practice the members of the Skeptics

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00:32:32,210 --> 00:32:30,419

carrying at this the little less even

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00:32:34,850 --> 00:32:32,220

there again hopefully the time and

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00:32:36,230 --> 00:32:34,860

resources to do so and finally whatever

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00:32:38,330 --> 00:32:36,240

the results

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00:32:41,090 --> 00:32:38,340

Australian Skeptics require that the

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00:32:42,830 --> 00:32:41,100

results be properly recorded and will be

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00:32:45,470 --> 00:32:42,840

published in the skeptic was there

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00:32:47,750 --> 00:32:45,480

favorable or not because that helps to

750

00:32:50,630 --> 00:32:47,760

eliminate a sort of selection process

751
00:32:53,330 --> 00:32:50,640
where the psychic researcher can carry

752
00:32:55,549 --> 00:32:53,340
out many different tests select those

753
00:32:57,769 --> 00:32:55,559
few that get an above chance results and

754
00:32:59,090 --> 00:32:57,779
publish only those we require that there

755
00:33:01,130 --> 00:32:59,100
is often be published better their

756
00:33:02,990 --> 00:33:01,140
favorable or not of course a

757
00:33:04,970 --> 00:33:03,000
responsibility comes with this firstly

758
00:33:07,730 --> 00:33:04,980
we're responsible to our two patrons

759
00:33:09,950 --> 00:33:07,740
Dick Smith and Philip Adams for the ten

760
00:33:12,710 --> 00:33:09,960
thousand dollars that they put up at as

761
00:33:15,470 --> 00:33:12,720
of the prize stands at the moment

762
00:33:17,210 --> 00:33:15,480
and secondly we're also responsible of

763
00:33:19,490 --> 00:33:17,220

course to the people submitting the test

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00:33:20,810 --> 00:33:19,500

the last thing we would want to do would

765

00:33:22,970 --> 00:33:20,820

be to reject

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00:33:24,769 --> 00:33:22,980

some phenomena and then find out that it

767

00:33:28,570 --> 00:33:24,779

was genuine that would put us in their

768

00:33:31,190 --> 00:33:28,580

embarrassing situation so therefore we

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00:33:33,830 --> 00:33:31,200

immersed the help of Consultants there

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00:33:36,310 --> 00:33:33,840

are many professional scientists and say

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00:33:39,230 --> 00:33:36,320

both among our members and we freely

772

00:33:42,950 --> 00:33:39,240

consult with those on the proper ways of

773

00:33:44,409 --> 00:33:42,960

carrying out tests secondly we must

774

00:33:48,350 --> 00:33:44,419

fully appreciate

775

00:33:50,810 --> 00:33:48,360

the risk of getting a positive result by

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00:33:53,570 --> 00:33:50,820

chance there's always a risk of costing

777

00:33:58,549 --> 00:33:53,580

if you toss the coin and you said you

778

00:34:00,470 --> 00:33:58,559

will get 999 hits add 100 shots and you

779

00:34:02,810 --> 00:34:00,480

must fully appreciate the statistics

780

00:34:05,630 --> 00:34:02,820

involved so we're fully aware that there

781

00:34:07,669 --> 00:34:05,640

is a small chance that a positive result

782

00:34:10,369 --> 00:34:07,679

can arise by a chance

783

00:34:12,290 --> 00:34:10,379

and thirdly it hasn't happened yet that

784

00:34:13,909 --> 00:34:12,300

it's conceivable that someone will come

785

00:34:15,710 --> 00:34:13,919

along and try to check the Australian

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00:34:18,770 --> 00:34:15,720

Skeptics out of their money there was

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00:34:20,930 --> 00:34:18,780

such a case of that in Britain where

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00:34:22,609 --> 00:34:20,940

James Randy went over and examined the

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00:34:24,770 --> 00:34:22,619

apparatus they were using and found a

790

00:34:27,889 --> 00:34:24,780

couple of slight defects in the design

791

00:34:30,530 --> 00:34:27,899

which enabled them to bias the results

792

00:34:32,329 --> 00:34:30,540

so therefore to guard against the

793

00:34:34,609 --> 00:34:32,339

possibility of someone deliberately and

794

00:34:36,109 --> 00:34:34,619

maliciously trying to pick the

795

00:34:38,750 --> 00:34:36,119

Australian Skeptics out of the money

796

00:34:41,210 --> 00:34:38,760

we'll miss the help of quite a few

797

00:34:43,010 --> 00:34:41,220

magicians who are very capable at

798

00:34:46,990 --> 00:34:43,020

spotting such things

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00:34:50,210 --> 00:34:47,000

so the I'll just briefly discuss the 14

800

00:34:52,430 --> 00:34:50,220

challenges that we've had since the if

801
00:34:56,629 --> 00:34:52,440
we began carrying out the National

802
00:34:59,030 --> 00:34:56,639
Committee in Sydney three years ago of

803
00:35:02,990 --> 00:34:59,040
those 14 people who have written they

804
00:35:04,609 --> 00:35:03,000
probably documented claim in writing we

805
00:35:06,470 --> 00:35:04,619
find there's a heavy preponderance of

806
00:35:08,630 --> 00:35:06,480
water diviners there are four people who

807
00:35:11,349 --> 00:35:08,640
fail to be able to find underground

808
00:35:14,150 --> 00:35:11,359
water and most of those produced

809
00:35:15,829 --> 00:35:14,160
documentation from a farmer for someone

810
00:35:18,109 --> 00:35:15,839
else saying that successfully found

811
00:35:20,990 --> 00:35:18,119
water one person claimed to be able to

812
00:35:23,690 --> 00:35:21,000
dust for water from an aircraft and

813
00:35:26,810 --> 00:35:23,700

another one claimed to be able to find

814

00:35:28,670 --> 00:35:26,820

water by divining on a map that's very

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00:35:30,170 --> 00:35:28,680

that so it saves a lot of shoe leather

816

00:35:32,089 --> 00:35:30,180

of course it you can just sit down and

817

00:35:33,470 --> 00:35:32,099

out of your home lay out a map on the

818

00:35:36,950 --> 00:35:33,480

table to find out where the further

819

00:35:38,750 --> 00:35:36,960

water is or one of the applicants was so

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00:35:41,390 --> 00:35:38,760

just some very good information the

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csiro has two electromagnetic devices

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for finding water or mineral deposits

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Underground

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so he drew our attention to these and we

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approached the csiro and obtained the

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documentation on these two instruments

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and unfortunately one of them is

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referred to as the cathiro's new water

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and or of salts diviner

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so that's the most embarrassing choice

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of words there we've had some people

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saying there you are the csiro knows how

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they can Divine water why do you say

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that we

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that's been a bit of an embarrassment of

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course we're fully aware of the

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electromagnetic properties of the

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csiro's instruments and how they work

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00:36:22,010 --> 00:36:19,740

and there's certainly no resemblance

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between that now the diviners operate

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another applicant was able to Divine

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minerals another applicant told us how

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very large amount of detail how he

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predicted the Supernova would occurred

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and he said that he was visited by

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various Intergalactic and paranormal

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bodies and informed of these facts and

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he wrote about it to us sometime after

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the event and claimed that he'd effect

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predicted it before the event so we

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wrote back to Newman said that if

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Commander Michael of the star Fleet

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should play with him with any more

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00:36:57,770 --> 00:36:55,800
predictions he should perhaps drop a

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00:36:58,670 --> 00:36:57,780
line to the Skeptics before the event is

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kind

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00:37:03,170 --> 00:37:00,780
that really strengthens the case if he

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00:37:06,710 --> 00:37:03,180
tells us about it beforehand we had a

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lady who could read Tea Leaves we asked

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00:37:11,450 --> 00:37:08,760
her for supporting evidence

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00:37:13,069 --> 00:37:11,460
for her two-league reading and she sent

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00:37:16,750 --> 00:37:13,079
us some documentation the book she'd

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00:37:18,890 --> 00:37:16,760

written and a major Advanced thesis

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unfortunately we haven't none of our

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scientists have yet been able to

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understand it

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but we're working on that one we have a

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practitioner of iridology and things to

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be able to prove that there is in fact a

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connection between the iris of the eye

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and the organs of the body

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we've got people who can claim to be

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able to carry out Hands-On healing

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we've got people who can carry out

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telekinesis and telepathy we've got a

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spiritualist called Bill Beckett and

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South Australia to

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was rather threatening in his Manner and

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received some media attention but his

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claims to be able to uncover the

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murderer who murdered the lady in South

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Australia unfortunately he's since

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brought into the hands of the police I'm

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not sure what's happening there that

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that I think that we can probably close

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that file

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they had a very versatile person who

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abide with parental phones we asked them

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to identify the Paranormal flame there

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faming it says paranormal Powers blamed

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Mark which ones povoyance telepathy

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telekinesis levitation mediumship

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astrology other psychic predictions

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psychic surgery water or metal dividing

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EST and all other and as very mentioned

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before he wrote All of the Above

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so I better give him some prizes for

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trying there finally we had a claimant

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to

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trains of Nostradamus and that that

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would point to the identity of the face

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on Mars so out of those 14

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unfortunately none of them have

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progressed for the stage of testing I'm

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not quite sure why that is but our

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perhaps our

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rules are doing their job but we would

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certainly would like to carry out some

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testing on them finally there was one

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case where we did carry out some testing

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and that's for a group of how many

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Health Products gave us some little

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devices that they called the polarizer

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there's one type you put on your water

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pipe and it purifies the water that

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comes out and other times you put on the

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terminal of your battery and it makes

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your car run better and less vibration

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and safe petrol and all that I think

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that followed on after the publicity

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that was given to feed a Brock's

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polarizer these people approached us and

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asked us to carry out some testing to

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confirm that their device has worked and

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give it an endorsement

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well excuse me

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that was with great relics that we in

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fact carried out very detailed testing

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on this device we have a scientific

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report that that is in detail the many

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plants all of them negative I'm not

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afraid and it's being prepared for

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publication and a future skeptic

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Kyle from the data skeptic podcast if

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you're curious about the way data is

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changing our world topics like Ai and

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all this craziness with Facebook and

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Bots and the Twitter storm and how the

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algorithms that underline that work and

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you don't want a technical Deep dive you

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want it you know in the vernacular in a

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way that people can understand check us

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out at data skeptic that's what we try

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and do I interview Advanced

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Professionals in the field who do this

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sort of research and then I get into

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interesting projects as well

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we're a weekly show and you can find us

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a dataseptic.com

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now it's time once again to appear into

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those archives that drove the online

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resource of digitized newspapers going

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back many decades in two centuries from

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Australia Australian digitized

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newspapers magazines and so on fully

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searchable and

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trove.nla.gov.au give it a visit give it

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a visit it's a fascinating resource for

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our history

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now in keeping up with our general

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paranormal theme once more once more

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we're going to Rattle the uh the cages

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and see if we can scare up some ghosts

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and ghosts from the past you know it

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must be very boring being a ghost

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waiting for decades or centuries for

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somebody to happen across your Crypt or

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your room or your wherever you are only

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to scare them

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maybe not the most fulfilling of

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thank you

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so return to the pages of the bulletin

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magazine which I I'm sure no longer

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exists from April the 1st April the

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first

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1980 and a report by Greg sheerden

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under the title of the supernatural

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Hospital ghosts show up as friendly

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spirits

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in these days of the Amityville Horror

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aliens from outer space and Spooks and

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spookiness generally it is reassuring to

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know that some ghosts are benevolent

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Australia's hospitals boast a Rich

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Harvest of ghosts as well they might

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hospitals being rather obvious places

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for ghosts to congregate

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the most interesting of the hospital

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ghosts inhabits Saint Vincent's Hospital

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in Sydney or more peculi Ward 14. the

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famous alcoholics Ward where many of

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Sydney's most hopeless soaks have some

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Solace there are stories that some of

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the patients have been consoled and

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comforted by the mysterious quote gray

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none end quote who apparently inhabits

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an old lift in the ward nurses and staff

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on the night shift won't use that

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particular lift and stories about the

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gray nun are legion

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she is supposed to have fallen down a

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stairwell many years ago and has been a

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friendly and occasional visitor to the

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ward ever since apparently the floor of

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the ward is now a few centimeters higher

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than it was when she walked the rounds

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and so her feet are never visible just

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the black stockings below the gray

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uniform Dr Ron Spencer medical

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superintendent of Saint Vincent's

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explained that some of the people who

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have had experience with the gray nun

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are reluctant to speak about them

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because they feel their relationship

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with her is a very private and personal

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thing they also feel they might be

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ridiculed by their professional

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colleagues he says

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some of the nurses at the hospital spoke

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to the bulletin about the gray nun but

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none wanted their names mentioned they

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recounted several stories of encounters

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with the mysterious ghost on one night

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shift a nurse felt an overwhelming sense

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of another presence near her she called

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out to the sister on duty who came to

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see what was the matter the sister also

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felt the presence and said to the gray

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nun go down to the other end of the ward

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that's where you're wanted about 30

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seconds later the nurse at the other end

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of the ward where the gray nun had been

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directed called out to the sister she

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now felt the presence of the nun on

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various occasions patients have been

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seen talking with no one inside when

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asked they have said they were talking

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to quote the lady in gray end quote on

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another occasion a nurse or a nun

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dressed in Gray walk through the ward

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about 4am the next day she commented to

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one of the hospital nuns about the odd

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hours some of them kept

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but on inquiry no sister had been out

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that night there are even stories though

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most nurses don't believe them of the

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gray nun fixing patients drips all the

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nurses emphasize that the gray nun is a

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benevolent Spirit whom never causes any

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trouble but will Comfort patients and

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generally be helpful Saint Vincent's

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spookiness doesn't end with the gray

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none however apparently a hanging lied

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in a certain Ward swings only when a

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death is imminent the historic Sydney

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hospital has its share of ghostliness as

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well the 180 year old hospital in

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Macquarie street is a perfect setting

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for ghosts the weathered sandstone and

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old gray buildings might have been

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specially constructed as a poltergeist

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Paradise with narrow corridors and dark

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Corners in abundance in what was once

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the rum Hospital there have been quite a

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few rum events in recent years with

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until recently two ghosts being spotted

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by the old hospital sister Suzanne Lewis

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a senior member of the nursing staff at

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Sydney Hospital readily admits that she

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believes in the reality of ghosts at

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Sydney hospital she says staff have

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constantly reported in a particular Ward

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sounds of footsteps and they've seen a

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shadow of somebody in a cloud but never

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seen the face it's near the pan room

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that they've usually seen it mainly at

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night it's been going on for quite some

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years a nurse is supposed to have hung

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herself in that same pan room around the

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turn of the century sister Lewis says

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that the presence of the ghost sometimes

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upsets the young nurses but it doesn't

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worry the more experienced ones as much

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because they know the ghost is friendly

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Sydney Hospital's other ghost was a

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junior Doctor Who too many years ago

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threw himself off the top of one of the

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buildings an old lift in the building

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which could only be opened manually by a

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00:47:52,010 --> 00:47:49,440

rope used to go up and down of its own

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00:47:54,050 --> 00:47:52,020

volition and sightings of unexplained

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00:47:56,990 --> 00:47:54,060

shadows in the lift were sometimes

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00:47:59,569 --> 00:47:57,000

reported about four or five years ago

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00:48:02,750 --> 00:47:59,579

the lift was replaced and no further

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00:48:04,550 --> 00:48:02,760

incidents were reported casual inquiry

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00:48:07,670 --> 00:48:04,560

also reveals that Royal Brisbane

1100

00:48:10,010 --> 00:48:07,680

Hospital also has its resident ghost a

1101

00:48:13,790 --> 00:48:10,020

woman in white has reportedly kept a

1102

00:48:15,950 --> 00:48:13,800

visual beside patients beds in Ward 15.

1103

00:48:19,790 --> 00:48:15,960

patients have reported sightings at

1104

00:48:23,089 --> 00:48:19,800

night and some of them even thanked Duty

1105

00:48:26,390 --> 00:48:23,099

nurses for attending their beds but then

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00:48:28,370 --> 00:48:26,400

found no nurse was near them

1107

00:48:31,309 --> 00:48:28,380

spooky goings on it's in Vincent's

1108

00:48:33,410 --> 00:48:31,319

Hospital in Sydney way back in the 1980s

1109

00:48:36,530 --> 00:48:33,420

and there's a photograph of the hospital

1110

00:48:38,630 --> 00:48:36,540

here Sydney St Vincent Hospital the

1111

00:48:41,870 --> 00:48:38,640

ghost of a nun does the rounds

1112

00:48:43,970 --> 00:48:41,880

occasionally in Ward 14. I wonder I

1113

00:48:45,470 --> 00:48:43,980

wonder if Ward 14

1114

00:48:47,210 --> 00:48:45,480

still exists

1115

00:48:50,390 --> 00:48:47,220

and finally we'll turn to the Blue

1116

00:48:55,210 --> 00:48:50,400

Mountains Gazette dated the 2nd of

1117

00:48:59,510 --> 00:48:55,220

December 1904 indignant ghosts

1118

00:49:01,970 --> 00:48:59,520

to quote ghosts end quote who were

1119

00:49:03,770 --> 00:49:01,980

captured at a spiritualistic seance in

1120

00:49:07,250 --> 00:49:03,780

Brooklyn USA

1121

00:49:10,309 --> 00:49:07,260

purportedly demanded the arrest of their

1122

00:49:13,130 --> 00:49:10,319

captors for assault and battery the

1123

00:49:15,710 --> 00:49:13,140

Seance was coordinated by two mediums of

1124

00:49:17,870 --> 00:49:15,720

considerable local repute and was

1125

00:49:21,290 --> 00:49:17,880

attended by a large Gathering of the

1126

00:49:24,410 --> 00:49:21,300

public as the materialization of an

1127

00:49:26,690 --> 00:49:24,420

angel child and an Indian chief had been

1128

00:49:30,470 --> 00:49:26,700

promised the audience sat for a long

1129

00:49:33,410 --> 00:49:30,480

time in darkness in the hope that the

1130

00:49:35,750 --> 00:49:33,420

spirits would show themselves and soft

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00:49:38,930 --> 00:49:35,760

music was played to give an agreeable

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00:49:41,390 --> 00:49:38,940

reception initially two shadowy outlines

1133

00:49:44,329 --> 00:49:41,400

appeared one was in the likeness of an

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00:49:47,870 --> 00:49:44,339

Indian chief but the angel child had

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00:49:50,630 --> 00:49:47,880

materialized into an adult female form

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00:49:52,670 --> 00:49:50,640

very strange at the same moment there

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00:49:56,030 --> 00:49:52,680

was a mysterious rush in the audience

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00:49:59,030 --> 00:49:56,040

and the female ghost set up heart

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00:50:02,870 --> 00:49:59,040

rendering shrieks the Indian chief

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00:50:06,050 --> 00:50:02,880

contributed his quota to The Noise by

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00:50:08,150 --> 00:50:06,060

pouring out a torrent of abuse then the

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00:50:11,089 --> 00:50:08,160

lights were turned on and the

1143

00:50:14,030 --> 00:50:11,099

materialized Spirits were seen to be in

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00:50:16,250 --> 00:50:14,040

the hands of a couple of unbelievers who

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00:50:20,450 --> 00:50:16,260

called in the police and had them

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00:50:23,270 --> 00:50:20,460

arrested as imposters the angel brought

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00:50:26,809 --> 00:50:23,280

against her captor a charge of assault

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00:50:29,510 --> 00:50:26,819

by pulling out her hair while the Indian

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00:50:33,470 --> 00:50:29,520

chief added larceny to the assault

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00:50:34,750 --> 00:50:33,480

charge by alleging that his red coat was

1151
00:50:39,349 --> 00:50:34,760
stolen

1152
00:50:41,050 --> 00:50:39,359
what what a strange account of a seance

1153
00:50:42,970 --> 00:50:41,060
way back in

1154
00:50:50,530 --> 00:50:42,980
1904 in Brooklyn

1155
00:50:54,530 --> 00:50:50,540
[Music]

1156
00:50:56,210 --> 00:50:54,540
now in my um searching through Trove and

1157
00:50:58,849 --> 00:50:56,220
when I think about it of all the terms I

1158
00:51:01,130 --> 00:50:58,859
look up for this segment dealing

1159
00:51:03,890 --> 00:51:01,140
on the Paranormal and hope medicine

1160
00:51:06,349 --> 00:51:03,900
skeptical stuff in general I think the

1161
00:51:08,930 --> 00:51:06,359
most returned probably can be found when

1162
00:51:12,710 --> 00:51:08,940
you type in the word ghost there are

1163
00:51:15,170 --> 00:51:12,720

many indeed but of course when you go to

1164

00:51:19,940 --> 00:51:15,180

Trove and have a look around you never

1165

00:51:19,950 --> 00:51:36,220

[Music]

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00:51:40,069 --> 00:51:38,210

[Applause]

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00:51:42,589 --> 00:51:40,079

thank you for listening to the skeptic

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00:51:45,230 --> 00:51:42,599

Zone podcast this week and thank you to

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00:51:48,230 --> 00:51:45,240

Kenny Bittle I had a wonderful time uh

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00:51:50,930 --> 00:51:48,240

chatting to uh to Kenny and again you

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00:51:53,390 --> 00:51:50,940

can see that whole interview it's on

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YouTube and in this week's show notes

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and thank you to those people who have

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recently come on board to support the

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00:52:01,190 --> 00:51:58,619

skeptic Zone at patreon or PayPal much

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00:52:02,930 --> 00:52:01,200
appreciated much needed means the show

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can keep going

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and you can do that you can join the

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throng of people who help the skeptic

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00:52:16,790 --> 00:52:14,520
Zone by visiting skeptic Zone dot TV

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00:52:17,569 --> 00:52:16,800
but for this week with the oh it stopped

1182
00:52:20,030 --> 00:52:17,579
again

1183
00:52:22,490 --> 00:52:20,040
that's really weird the showers are just

1184
00:52:24,890 --> 00:52:22,500
coming and going with the rain stopping

1185
00:52:31,450 --> 00:52:24,900
and starting this is Richard Saunders

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00:52:38,410 --> 00:52:33,829
you've been listening to the skeptic

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podcast is an independent production the

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views and opinions expressed on the

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skeptic zone are not necessarily those

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00:53:13,230 --> 00:53:11,640

of Australian Skeptics or any other

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00:53:25,069 --> 00:53:13,240
skeptical organization

1202
00:53:29,690 --> 00:53:27,370
and other things

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00:53:32,450 --> 00:53:29,700
that's all coming up but I thought we'd

1204
00:53:34,670 --> 00:53:32,460
take a moment for the Easter egg for all

1205
00:53:36,589 --> 00:53:34,680
the people who listen up

1206
00:53:38,089 --> 00:53:36,599
Easter is coming up we got the Easter

1207
00:53:39,770 --> 00:53:38,099
egg in today's episode of the skeptic

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00:53:42,770 --> 00:53:39,780
Zone podcast I'm with the trivia team

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00:53:45,290 --> 00:53:42,780
the trivia crew and Susan gobert's

1210
00:53:46,910 --> 00:53:45,300
weekly trivia I've got a 10-sided blurry

1211
00:53:48,109 --> 00:53:46,920
die there because it's pouring out a

1212
00:53:51,290 --> 00:53:48,119
little bit on the scene there we go okay

1213
00:53:55,130 --> 00:53:51,300

how many floors are on that one there's

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00:53:57,230 --> 00:53:55,140

only one five folks uh chip in with into

1215

00:53:59,270 --> 00:53:57,240

the chat with your guests we're going to

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00:54:01,670 --> 00:53:59,280

roll it three times I'm going to unblur

1217

00:54:03,770 --> 00:54:01,680

my screen so you can see it properly and

1218

00:54:07,490 --> 00:54:03,780

see if what you can

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00:54:10,010 --> 00:54:07,500

guess what the dice comes up we got a

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three a four a one an eight a five a

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three five five it's gonna be five I'm

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00:54:16,910 --> 00:54:14,819

saying it verbally nobody's put it in 11

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00:54:18,890 --> 00:54:16,920

or 12 yet that's a good thing

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00:54:23,650 --> 00:54:18,900

here we go and you'll have to take

1225

00:54:28,190 --> 00:54:26,930

roll number one

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00:54:30,670 --> 00:54:28,200

eight

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00:54:34,130 --> 00:54:30,680

I didn't hear it

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did well I know you showed me an eight

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but I didn't see anything yeah yeah yeah

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you Skeptics number eight was the first

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roll here we go roll number two put in

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your guesses now did anybody get eight

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three we've got a one nine a four from

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Rob

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and here it comes roll number two

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a six from Karen there we go rule number

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two is

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eight

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Susan you know what's going to happen

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every now and then

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okay five last roll here we go the last

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time

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Mommy needs the new shoes three five

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eight seven four five seven and it is

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Carolina

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00:55:35,870 --> 00:55:32,400

today's winning numbers for you at home

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if you're playing long eight eight and

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seven and Susan I noticed that uh on uh

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Tick Tock you've been putting up

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something to do with a seat belt psychic

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oh he is going the seatbelt psychic

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Thomas John he is gone viral millions of

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00:55:54,829 --> 00:55:52,740
views on these on these things and it's

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00:55:56,930 --> 00:55:54,839
incredible and then we looked he's

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00:55:58,849 --> 00:55:56,940
sponsoring some of these he's paying for

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00:56:00,950 --> 00:55:58,859
these ads for other people to put them

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00:56:02,930 --> 00:56:00,960
up on their Tick Tock channels well

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Susan I think that's a topic we can

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00:56:06,890 --> 00:56:05,099
discuss in an upcoming episode of the

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00:56:08,809 --> 00:56:06,900
skeptic Zone but thank you everybody for

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00:56:11,930 --> 00:56:08,819
playing as I said this week